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AN AUTOMOBILE FREE

Great Subscription Contest

Is Today Inaugurated by Wise County's Most Popular Publication

\$825.00 Prize = OPEN TO ALL = \$825.00 Prize

This contest for the Handsome "Overland" Car will open formally Friday, September 24, 1915. It costs nothing to enter. Subscriptions will decide

Rules of Contest

Any white man or woman, boy or girl, of any age, living anywhere in Wise county is permitted to enter and compete for the prize.

To enter the race, clip out the nomination coupon on this page. Fill in your name and address or that of some friend or relative, and send to the Wise County Messenger Contest Department. It costs you nothing to enter and costs your friends nothing to vote for you.

No employee of the Messenger or member of his or her family will be permitted to participate in this contest as a contestant.

Votes issued to one candidate cannot be transferred or changed to the credit of another.

Candidates and their friends are not restricted to securing votes and subscriptions in this county, but may secure them anywhere in the United States.

A committee of unimpeachable public men from different parts of the county, will be selected to judge the finish of this contest.

Any question that may arise between the contestants not covered by the rules in this contest, will be determined by Messrs. Collins & Smith, editors and owners of the Messenger. Their decision will be absolutely final.

Besides votes allowed on new and renewal subscriptions, a coupon good for 1000 votes will be published in issues of the Messenger from time to time. Each coupon printed will be limited and must be cast in the Messenger office before expiration of the date printed thereon.

Votes cannot be bought or sold or traded. They cannot be obtained only by paying a subscription for the Wise County Messenger or by clipping the coupons from the Messenger.

The right is reserved to reject the name of any candidate who does contrary to the rules set forth herein.

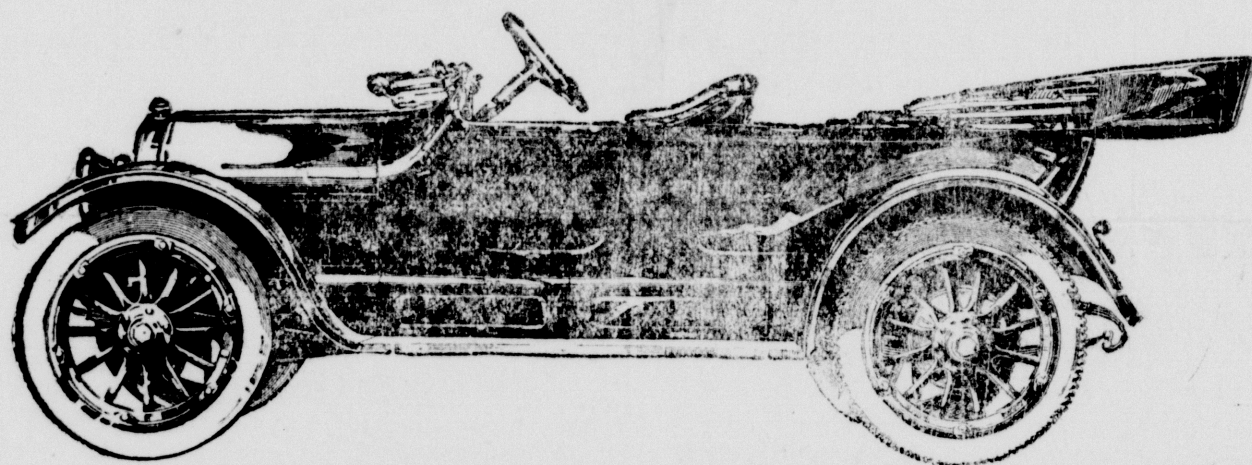
Votes obtained on subscriptions can be held in reserve until the closing day of the contest, or voted at the discretion of the candidate.

Make up your mind that you will win this magnificent prize and send in your name now.

Overland
83

\$750

Five Passenger Touring
Touring Roadster \$725
Price f. o. b. Toledo



Hills Prove the Power of Magneto Ignition

Magneto ignition is something that every prospective purchaser of a motor car should know about.

Practically all high priced cars have high tension magneto ignition. So has the Overland.

Magneto Ignition develops more power, due to a hotter spark, which becomes still hotter as the speed of the motor increases. This gives

—a livelier motor with more power at all speeds

—and quicker getaway.

Hilly, country roads, and crowded city streets prove the worth of these Overland qualities.

Call, telephone or write for demonstration.

This is the largest 4-cylinder Overland that will be produced this year

Model 83 Brief Specifications

35 Horse-power motor
5-Bearing Crankshaft
Thermo-Syphon Cooling
Demountable Rims, one
Rim Extra

High-tension Magneto
Ignition
Electric Starting and
Lighting
Underhung Rear Springs
33 x 4 inch tires; non-skid
in rear

One-man Top, with Cover
Headlight Dimmers
Magnetic Speedometer
Raincoision, Ventilating type,
built-in windshield

Made in U. S. A.

1 year.....	\$1.00.....	1000 votes
2 years.....	2.00.....	3000 votes
3 years.....	3.00.....	5000 votes
4 years.....	4.00.....	7000 votes
5 years.....	5.00.....	9000 votes

6 years.....	\$6.00.....	11000 votes
7 years.....	7.00.....	13000 votes
8 years.....	8.00.....	15000 votes
9 years.....	9.00.....	17000 votes
10 years.....	10.00.....	20000 votes

To Enter Contest

Fill out the Nomination Blank in this issue of the Messenger and send it to the Messenger. Each contestant is entitled to one nomination ballot good for 1,000 votes.

Contestants may nominate themselves or be nominated by some friend or relative.

It is not necessary to be a subscriber of the Messenger in order to enter the contest. It is free to all and costs nothing to enter.

Readers of the Messenger who cannot participate actively in this contest should send in the name of some friend or relative whom you think would make a winning race.

To enter this contest clip out the blank printed below and send to the WISE COUNTY MESSENGER, Decatur, Texas:

NOMINATION COUPON

1000 Votes

In the Wise County Messenger' Great Subscription Contest I hereby

nominate

Signed

Nominations may be made either by self or friends. The nomination counts 1000 votes. Only one nomination blank will be credited to each Contestant.

Votes are given upon payment of subscriptions to the Messenger and by clipping ballots from paper, and person getting greatest number votes wins prize

The Wise County Messenger

The People's Favorite

DECATUR, TEXAS

County's Most Popular Paper

YOU ARE INVITED

Fall and Winter Opening
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17, 18
Showing the Latest Models

Mrs. J. B. Sandusky



Pistol and Revolver Cartridges That Are Dependable and Accurate
YOU selected your pistol or revolver because you expected it to give you results.
Now, results—whether in casual shooting—or in serious work at the target—depend more than you might think on the wise choice of ammunition.
It is worth remembering that the biggest user in the Pistol and Revolver classes are shooting Remington-UMC Cartridges—made for every standard make of pistol and revolver used anywhere in the world.
For the right ammunition from the responsible point of view, see the Remington-UMC Dealer. He displays the Red Ball Brand Remington-UMC.
Sold by your home dealer and 5129 other leading merchants in Texas

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Here's a new voice for the thirsty rooter—here's refreshment for the excited fan—here's deliciousness for all—Coca-Cola, the beverage that athletes endorse—that wise business men enjoy—that everyone welcomes for its simple, pure wholesomeness.

Carbonated in bottles—at stands and in grand stands—and at soda fountains everywhere.

Demand the genuine by full name—nicknames encourage substitution.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY
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Whenever you see an Arrow, think of Coca-Cola.

Decatur Auto AND Transfer Co
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PHONES: SOUTHWESTERN 19, INDEPENDENT 46
Open Day and Night, Phone M. E. CHARVOZ
or call half block west of P. O.

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THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER.

A successful remedy for Rheumatism, Blood Poison and all Blood Diseases. A wonderful tonic for both men and women. Has been manufactured for the past 35 years. At all Druggists, \$1.00.

F. V. LIPPMAN CO., Savannah, Ga.

Try a want, lost, or for sale ad—1c word

RHOME

Rhome, Texas, Sept., 13.—The Rhome high school will open on September 20. The following teachers have been employed: R. E. Leonard, superintendent; Miss Bess Zorns of Boyd; Miss Kate Barker of Bridgeport; Mrs. H. I. Watkins; Miss Allie B. Chambers, domestic science, Decatur.

Miss Kate Leonard is visiting relatives in Bowie this week.

Mrs. Will O'Neal and children of Justin, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beard.

Mrs. J. E. Ward has returned home after an extended visit at Weatherford.

G. R. Hoge and wife have returned from a visit with relatives at Cisco.

Mrs. F. M. Hatler was called to Ryan, Okla., Wednesday on account of the illness of her little granddaughter.

Mrs. Z. B. Bobo attended the Baptist association at Chico last week.

Mrs. Cal McCurdy and little daughter of Fort Worth, and Miss Chambers of Fort Worth, were mid-week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCurdy.

Scott Turner of Fort Worth, is visiting friends here.

Miss Virginia Bobo left Saturday night for Wellington, Texas, to accept a position in the Wellington high school.

Mrs. A. J. Sparks and daughter, Omadell, are at home after a week's visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Robt. Leonard and little daughter, Virginia, are visiting in Bridgeport this week.

Mrs. A. C. Alexander and children are at home after a two-weeks' visit with her mother in Whitesboro.

Will Hoge left Sunday morning for Wichita Falls to enter school.

Mrs. W. A. George is visiting her daughter at Whitesboro.

A revival meeting is in progress at the Presbyterian church. Rev. R. A. Wilkins of Blanket, Texas, is assisting the pastor, Rev. C. V. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. McFalls and Steve Donald of Krum, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones Sunday.

Masters Paul and Ben Morris of Fort Worth, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. B. Morris.

Prof. R. E. Leonard and Mrs. H. I. Watkins are attending the teachers' institute in Decatur this week.

PARK SPRINGS

Prof. L. C. Edwards and J. M. Elliott are attending the institute at Decatur this week.

J. M. James, J. T. McDonald and Willis Alexander were in Decatur Tuesday to meet Prof. Binnion, of the Department of Education in regard to the \$500 appropriation for the Park Springs school. They say the prospects are good.

McKinney & Appling have installed a splendid stock of groceries and dry goods in the Stepp building.

The Marcus Robinson stone building is nearing completion.

Dr. Jennings and Geo. Appling attended the Baptist association at Chico last week.

Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Ida Hooley of Sunset, visited Mrs. L. C. Edwards last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckner of Newark, visited friends at this place.

The boll weevil have destroyed almost the entire cotton crop in this vicinity.

Mrs. J. M. James was in Ringgold last Sunday.

Harry McKinney and sister returned from an extended visit with relatives in Nocona.

T. L. Davis was in Bowie on business last Friday.

Park Springs is the only town in Wise county that is building many new buildings. About fifteen buildings are under construction. Most of them are the results of our splendid school.

Marcus Robinson has put in public water works.

There is some talk of a booster's club being organized.

J. Z. Thompson of Boyd, is visiting Prof. J. M. Elliott.

Mrs. Enoch Appling and daughters are visiting in Wichita Falls.

A Texas Wonder

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Chico State Bank

CHICO, TEXAS,

At the close of business, Sept. 2, 1915.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$50,827 65
Loans, real estate	1,478 25
Overdrafts	75 61
Real estate (banking house)	1,250 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,635 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	3,345 75
Cash items	\$ 643 15
Currency	1,947 00
Specie	\$2,170 58
Interest in Depositors	4,760 73
Guaranty Fund	1,093 98
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	105 79
Other resources as follows:	69 00
TOTAL	\$ 64,641 76

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus fund	3,600 00
Undivided profits, net	1,829 22
Individual deposits subject to check	36,659 35
Time certificates of deposit	2,050 00
Demand certificates of deposit	475 00
Cashier's checks	28 19
Bills Payable and	
Rediscunts	5,000 00
TOTAL	\$ 64,641 76

State of Texas, County of Wise,—We, J. F. Clark, as president, and V. E. Baldrige, as cashier, of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—J. F. Clark, President; V. E. Baldrige, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed before me, on this 11th day of Sept., 1915.

Frank W. Roberts, Notary Public.
Correct Attest: J. A. McKinzie, T. S. Stephens, B. O. Wilkerson, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First State Bank

AT SLIDELL, TEXAS

At close of business Sept. 2, 1915.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal and collateral	\$ 29,555 73
Loans, real estate	72 50
Overdrafts	157 82
Real estate, banking house	686 55
Furniture and fixtures	1,671 80
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	1,230 28
Cash items	841 82
Currency	1,573 00
Specie	\$5 55
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	502 66
Other resources as follows	53 60
Total	\$59,481 31

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund	5,000 00
Undivided profits, net	547 71
Individual deposits subject to check	15,801 52
Time certificate of deposits	1,035 00
Cashier's checks	97 35
Bills payable and Rediscunts	4,000 00
Total	\$36,481 31

State of Texas, County of Wise,—We, T. S. Atcheson as president, and L. M. Atcheson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

T. S. Atcheson, President
L. M. Atcheson, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of Sept. 1915.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. J. P. Turner, Notary Public.
Correct Attest: A. R. Drake, J. W. Bryant, J. P. Turner, Directors.

THE REPORT OF CONDITION OF

The First State Bank

AT PARK SPRINGS, TEXAS

At the close of business, Sept. 2, 1915.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$ 20,396 75
Real estate, banking house	1,170 65
Other real estate	1,800 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,485 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$5,334 20
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	\$ 18 67
Cash items	60 00
Currency	542 00
Specie	637 70
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	154 80
Other resources as follows:	
Assessment depository guaranty fund	24 72
Total	29,674 49

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000 00
Undivided profits, net	3,672 08
Individual deposits subject to check	15,352 41
Time certificates of deposit	600 00
Cashier's checks	50 00
Total	29,674 49

State of Texas, county of Wise: We, John B. Hunt as president, and T. L. Davis, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
John B. Hunt, President.
T. L. Davis, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 10th day of Sept. 1915. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

T. J. Moss, Notary Public
Montague County.
Correct Attest: J. E. Morris, E. F. Appling, C. E. Brown, Directors.

Schools May Bar Children

Common colds are contagious and boards of health in many cities are considering barring children with colds from school. Foley's Honey and Tar is an old and reliable family medicine and frees children from coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. Parents may save trouble by giving before school opens. Hill Drug Co.

Work for that Overland auto.

THE "PRUDENT" YOUNG MAN LEARNS ALSO TO PUT HIS MONEY IN THE BANK AND KEEP IT THERE



A FINANCIAL education is one sort of an education every man can have. He can teach himself to SAVE and prosper. The first lesson is—START a bank account; the second lesson is—keep on increasing the balance to your credit.

This is easy if you will only act. If you have got only ONE DOLLAR in your pocket just try putting it in our bank and see how good it makes you feel.

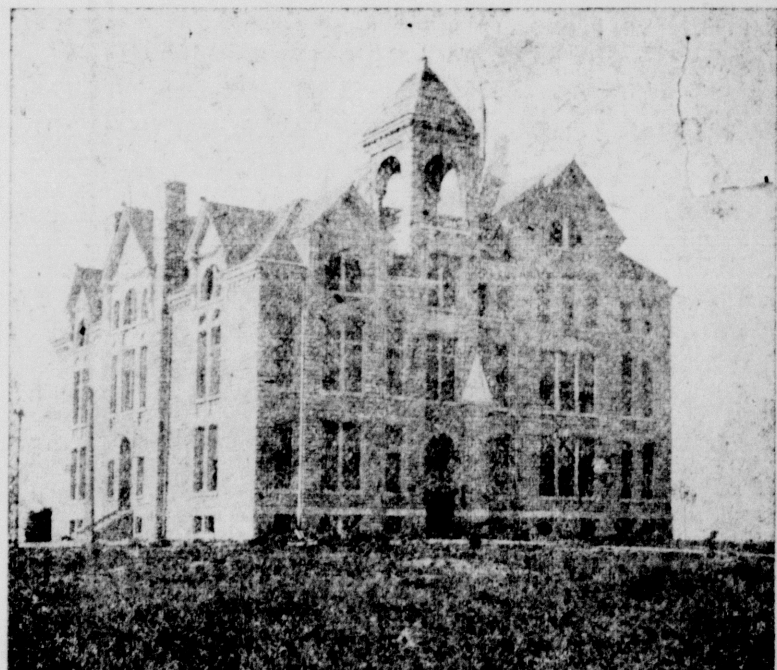
GUARANTY FUND BANK

First State Bank
DECATUR — TEXAS

DO NOT GAMBLE

with a fire loss. It's a 100 to 1 chance. You do not win much if you save a premium and you are not able to pay if you lose. Make "safety first" your motto and insure with the Old Reliable Agency

BOYD BROS. The Oldest Agency in Wise County
OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE DECATUR, TEXAS



DECATUR BAPTIST COLLEGE

Decatur, Texas

FALL TERM BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15

Co-educational. The best equipped junior college in the state. Excellent buildings, steam heat, electric lights, baths. Large campus with athletic field. An ideal home school with strong literary courses; also courses in music and expression. Expenses reasonable. For catalogue write

J. L. WARD, President, Decatur, Texa

SHEET MUSIC

We have just received a nice line of Popular Sheet Music, which we are selling POPULAR PRICES!

Come in and try it on our piano

HILL DRUG COMPANY
—"HAS IT"—

100 Sponsor votes with each paid on Messenger subscription
The Dallas Fair managers will present valuable prem

Getting Ready for the Fall Campaign

WHISPERINGS of Autumn are in the air—the change of tints and styles has already begun—each day adds to the **RED STORE'S** New Fall Display. The New Fall Silks have arrived; many choice combinations of stripes and weaves; Dress Goods now open in a good range of prices and all the new colors; Serge, Gabardine, Poplins, Broadcloth and Novel Weaves :

For the Men, Young Men and Boys

We are showing all the new things in Suits, Odd Pants, Overcoats, Shoes, Hats, Shirts, Ties, Collars, Underwear, Etc.

New Fall Waists

Wash Waists and Silk Waists in a pleasing variety of styles and colors, many exclusive styles in crepe de chine at prices far below their usual value, sizes 34 to 44, at 2.50, \$3, 3.50, **\$3.95**

New Middies at \$1

The new styles in Middies, made of white Gaiatea, neatly trimmed in navy, red and medium blue, all fast colors—sizes 14 to 20 years, 34 to 42 bust, all priced at..... **\$1.00**

Latest Styles in New Coats

A little bit early to talk Coats but we'll be pleased to show you anyway. The new ones are here and we'll be glad to lay one aside for you to be called for when needed.

NEW FALL SUITS

Should you ask what we have in new Fall Suits, we'd answer, "A Wonderful Display for so early, and Fashions Delightfully Pleasing." The Novelty Suits are examples of art. It is in this range the College Miss will find her dressy Coat Suit—box, flare, Russian and belted effects—favored materials are Serge, Gabardine, Broadcloths, Peau de Souris and mixtures. We also have the Tailored Suits in Broadcloths, Gabardine, Serges and Wool Poplins. The prices range from..... **\$12.50 to \$29.50**

Classy Shoes for Fall

"The New Things While They're New" is no better nor more forcibly demonstrated than in our shoe department. The styles for fall are very attractive and the patterns in lace and button are made over perfect lines. The front lace is going to be very popular, with button styles a close second. The tops are leather and cloth, with cloth leading in favor. We have them priced at \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50 and **\$4.**

New Skirts for Early Fall Wear

We received the past week another shipment of Ladies Skirts in the newest and best styles for early fall wear—all the new shades are represented in the solid colors, also in stripes, checks and mixed goods. The sizes are from 22 to 36 inches waist measure: prices are..... **\$3.95 to \$12.50**

New Fall Dresses for Children

Dresses for the schoolgirl in striped and plaid gingham, all artistically trimmed and made up in combinations of solid colors; sizes 2 to 14 years—prices range from 65c, 75c, \$1.00, and up to..... **\$2.50**
We also have a few MISSES' DRESSES in Serge and Novelty Woolen materials, priced at \$2.50 to..... **\$5.00**

New Dresses

By comparison with previous undertakings no dress collection in our history has equaled these artistic dresses. Silk, Crepe de Chine, Taffetas, serges and poplins in all the new and desirable shades—no two dresses alike, and you are sure to find one here to suit you in style and material, as well as in price. Sizes 16 to 18 years, 34 to 46 bust. Prices are..... **\$4.95 to \$24.50**

Remember All Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Etc., Are Altered Free of Charge.

23 Cash Stores in Texas and Oklahoma

THE RED STORE

23 Cash Stores in Texas and Oklahoma

The Messenger.

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE
NORTH BOUND SOUTH BOUND
Arrive at Decatur
No. 3, 11:07 a.m. No. 8, 5:06 a.m.
No. 7, 12:45 a.m. No. 4, 5:12 p.m.
Leave — Ft. Worth — Arrive
No. 3, 9:30 a.m. No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m. No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Amarillo
No. 3, 11:15 p.m. No. 8, 5:50 p.m.
No. 7, 6:00 p.m. No. 4, 5:45 a.m.
Arrive — Denver — Leave
No. 7, 7:00 a.m. No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

News of Town and County

LIGHT CRUST.
Y. Leslie and Orion Speer were from Alvord Monday.
Rev. M. B. Johnson preached at the Methodist church last Sunday.
Miss Margrete Ponder has returned school in the Denton C. I. A.
and Mrs. Hugh Greer visited friends and relatives in Denton Sunday.
Standley and Phillip Eaits Sunday to attend the Denton nor-
Rea and family left Sunday for home in Dublin after a visit
Heathington and wife have to the Preacher Vastine resi-
Belew has returned from days visit in Northwest
Miss Alice Hall of Dallas, en visiting the family of J. C.
Ganzer of Denton, friend messenger, was an appreciated our office Tuesday.
to the City hotel, where you glass meals and good, clean. M. Worley, Proprietor.
to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. La- pster on Tuesday, September a daughter.
Robinson, Jr., of Denton, Rosenbaum, of Dallas, are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Greer.
McMurray and family have into the Shamburger bunga- Main street.

Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff and family have returned after spending several days with old friends at Pilot Point.

Secure your Dallas Fair sponsor votes with each cash purchase at Collins Grocery Co.

George Busey, of the Seven-Wire pasture, was in Fort Worth several days the latter part of last week on business.

We want your laundry business. Best laundry in Texas. We call for and deliver city bundles. Smith & Hardwick.

Alf Brown returned Monday from several weeks' stay in the panhandle country, inspecting the coming cotton crop.

Try a sack of "Servus" flour if you want something extra fine. McAnear.

Secure your Dallas Fair sponsor votes with each cash purchase at Collins Grocery Co.

C. C. Jones, Jr., was here from Amarillo Tuesday. He says "keep that Messenger coming, we cannot do without it."

Get the habit—Call for mothers' bread, made with milk, at City Bakery.

Assistant Cashier Martin of the First National bank, is taking his vacation, spending several weeks among old friends in Louisiana.

McAnear's store wants your produce and poultry.

Black-eyed peas wanted; must be free from weevils, and no dark or wet stock or treated peas wanted. CHAS. DEVEREUX, Decatur, Texas.

Hats cleaned and reblocked for \$1. Smith & Hardwick.

Secure your Dallas Fair sponsor votes with each cash purchase at Collins Grocery Co.

Mrs. Campbell of Fort Worth, who has been a guest of Mrs. Dave Frazer, has returned home. Mrs. Campbell has numerous friends in Decatur.

Cash paid for chickens, eggs and butter at McAnear's.

If you are not satisfied with your laundry service, try the Modern steam laundry—the best in the state. Smith & Hardwick, agents. Both phones.

The Jack Cates and Jack Moss families, who have been camping near Twix-Bridge farm north of town, for the past several days, have returned to town.

Try the "Servus" brand of goods, guaranteed to please. We carry a full line. McAnear's Grocery.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

RHOME, TEXAS

No. 10509

At the Close of Business September 2, 1915

RESOURCES

1 a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b).....	\$43,589 99
Total loans.....	\$43,589 99
5 Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank \$2,600	
a Less amount unpaid.....	1,800 00
b All other stocks, including premium on same.....	800 00
6 a Value of banking house.....	1,800 00
7 Furniture and fixtures.....	1,700 00
9 Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	1,278 45
10 a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis.....	396 99
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities.....	4,995 87—5,392 86
11 Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 9 or 10).....	373 89
14 a Outside checks and other cash items.....	12 00
b Fractional currency, nickels and cents.....	47 45— 59 45
15 Notes of other national banks.....	485 00
16 Federal Reserve notes.....	95 00
Lawful money reserve in bank:	
17 Total coin and certificates.....	2,377 05
18 Legal-tender notes.....	1,350 00
21 Customers' liability account of "Acceptances".....	25,392 94
Total.....	\$ 84,694 63

LIABILITIES

1 Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	1,000 00
Total Capital and Surplus.....	26,000 00
2 Undivided profits.....	3,889 45
Reserve for.....	3,889 45
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid.....	480 05—3,409 40
8 Demand deposits:	
a Individual deposits subject to check.....	46,968 23
d Cashier's checks outstanding.....	317 00
Total deposits, Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.....	47,285 23
14 Bills payable, including obligations represent- ing money borrowed.....	8,000 00
Total.....	\$ 84,694 63
State of Texas, County of Wise, I, A. C. Alexander, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September, 1915.	
A. C. ALEXANDER, Cashier.	
C. C. LEONARD, J. P., Ex-officio Notary Public Wise county, Tex	
Correct—Attest: J. H. ROWAN, W. W. MORRIS, Z. B. BOBO, Directors	

The automobile ride given the visiting teachers Monday afternoon was greatly enjoyed, about fifty cars loaded with happy teachers participating in the tour of the town.

Secure your Dallas Fair sponsor votes with each cash purchase at Collins Grocery Co.

The First Baptist church will give an informal reception to the faculty and students of the Baptist college

next Saturday night at the residence of J. E. Boyd. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Second-hand Deering row binder for sale at a bargain. Lillard & Co.

About 25 pant patterns of our summer line to go at 1-4 off as long as they last; some medium weight stuff. Will do for winter wear. Smith & Hardwick.

"Wildflower" tonight at Majestic.



FRIDAY--SATURDAY

Sept. 17 and 18

The Mississippi Store

Announces the Opening of the fall and winter season, showing the Latest Pattern Hats from the Eastern Markets, also models of their own creation.

Your inspection is invited

LILLARDS

Mississippi Store

THE WISE COUNTY MESSENGER.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

COLLINS & SMITH

Entered at the Decatur, Texas, postoffice as second class mail matter.

DICK COLLINS, MARVIN B. SMITH, Editors and Proprietors
Mrs. Dick Collins Associate Editors Mrs. Marvin B. Smith

Friday, Sept. 17, 1915.

Most Widely Circulated Paper in Wise County.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

Oh, you Overland!

Villa has the lives of two cats.

Mr. Stephens has been in congress a long, long time.

Old Mr. Good Times is here: give him the glad hand.

Hold your heart, young man, while the schoolma is passing.

The count and prince population of Newport has deceased, thanks to the war god in Europe.

Lay aside work and worries and come to the fall fair at Decatur. Four days of "good time." Come!

Not so much cotton, probably, but, oh, you, sweet, soaring market. Let the band play something ticklish.

The Texas rangers have been withdrawn from the Rio Grande border. Now is the time for every Mexican bandit to get busy.

"I Never Raised My Son to Be A Soldier" is not popular in Germany. The suffragettes in this country are marching to the tune.

Kansas, the state of sunflowers, sunshine and sons of patriots, has contributed an ex-governor to the Texas pro speaking forces.

The South's "slowness, illiteracy and backwardness" stand responsible for the North's prosperity, all of which "helps some," as they would say in Denton.

Yes, the Old Town is prospering; marching along to bigger, brighter and bigger achievements. All, in spite of the mutt, the knocker and the grouch. On with the dance!

AT SCHOOLMA M RECEPTION.

Backward, turn backward,
Oh, Time, in your flight;
Make me a pupil again,
Just for tonight.

The commissioners' court, believing "economy the best policy" at this time, saw no revenue-returning results to the tax-payers in the Messrs. Ganzer-Gilliland proposition.

Keep cool, perfectly cool. There is no war pending between good old Uncle Sam and the Germans. It is a "scare" the paid hirings of ammunition manufacturers have put aloft for revenue-producing purposes.

Some prince of patriots has suggested that "the poor white trash" be allowed substantial loans at a six-per-cent rate of interest. We nominate the gentleman to the office of Chief High Priest of Finance with unlimited authority.

Now comes our friend Morris Shepherd, United States senator, saying he looks with much favor upon a contest with our friend Joe Bailey, ex-senator. That was one misstatement of facts our friend Morris could have easily avoided making. Oh, well—

Solicitors for Messenger subscriptions are well fortified in their campaigns in that they are soliciting for a newspaper that has been the leading publication in Wise county for more than thirty-five years. Contestants in Messenger's Overland Automobile contest are not handicapped in their work of booming their interests with a popular paper to offer. The Messenger is a county paper!

Wise county should join the tick eradication campaign with the adjoining counties and help rid this part of the state of these pests and thereby increasing the value of cattle and assist in redeeming this section as a cattle country. We are told that the cost of this movement would be slight compared to the results even without adjoining counties entering into the campaign, so why delay what will be so profitable as this?—Alford News.

That Overland Auto, value \$825.00, is worth your entire time during the contest. Get busy and get votes.

THE SKIRTED ANIMAL.

Half an inch, half an inch,
Half an inch shorter!

Whether the skirts are for
Mother or daughter!

Briefer the dresses grow,
Fuller the ripples flow,

While whisking glimpses show
More than they ought!

Forward the dress parade!
Is there a man dismayed?

No! From the sight displayed
None could be sundered!

Theirs not to make remark;
Clergyman, clubman, clerk—

Gaping from noon till dark
At the Four Hundred.

Short skirts to the right of them!
Shorter skirts to left of them!

Shortest in front of them,
Flaunted and flirited!

In hose of stripe and plaid,
Hued most exceedingly glad,

Sporting in spats run mad,
Come the short-skirted!

Flashed all their ankles here;
Flashed as they turned in air!

What will not woman dare!
(Though the exhibits show

Some of them blundered!)
All sorts and types of pegs;

Broomsticks, piano legs;
Here and there some fairy shapes,

Just built to walk on eggs,
Come by the hundred.

When can their glory fade?
Oh, the wild show they made!

All the world wondered,
Grand dame and demoiselle,

Shop girl and Bowery belle—
Four Hundred? H'm—oh, well

Any old hundred!
—C. Wells in Judge.

The constant increase of court expenditures is inexplicable to the burdened taxpayers who have not gone to the trouble of seeking a solution based upon investigation. The trouble primarily is traceable to the legislative mill which grinds out an endless quantity of useless and often harmful laws. Such hodge-podge products of the legislative machinery leads directly to increased courthouse business. Another bad practice of legislative bodies is that of paying more attention to party politics and the spoils incident there to than to the real business that should have consideration. There certainly should be some plan adopted whereby legislatures will attend to making laws and not to seeking spoils.

HIS LETTER.

Dear Bill I thot I'd let you know & give you kids a tip about the Dandy time we had On our last Fishin trip we caught three Perch & 6 rock Bass 2 Sunfish & a pike; the Bate we used was angel worms, Fat ones what fishes like; we dug the Worms behind the Barn Where the Cucumbers grows, we went barefuttled, too, of coarse, & wear our oldest cloaths we fished down at the Old mill Pond Beneath the willer Tree, Near where the crick runs in, y' kno, where Smith's dam uster be. To put the worms on like you ought is harder that it Looks you Loop 'em like the letter S & Wind 'em round the hooks. When noontime come we et lunch, sum hard-boiled eggs & jam & Sandwitches & angel cake N' lots of devevled ham. We Fished till almos 4 o'clock, then ate more Angel cake, & coming home near Willow grove we killed a garter snake.

The newspapers of the north and middle west have nothing to be proud about in their connection with the Leo Frank lynching. The Frank case long ago was taken from the courts and the state of Georgia and tried in the newspapers. We are not interested in whether or not Frank was guilty or not guilty of the crime with which he was charged. Neither is there any possibility of condoning the frightful crime of lynching. But we deplore the attitude of the newspapers which railed against the south until their interference fanned the flames of mob-hatred and resulted in the Frank lynching. One of the principle papers of Chicago became, thus, the head of the mob that lynched

ed Frank and equally guilty of the crime. Every sane man looks with horror on the deed of the Georgia mob, and none deplores it so much as the people of Georgia. Editorials in newspapers have their missions to fill, but it is not part of that mission to lead and inflame mobs.

Some present the Messenger is going to present the winner in its subscription contest. This is decidedly the handsomest present ever offered by a newspaper in this section of the state. A few big city papers have given away automobiles of the Overland's splendid worth, but no country weekly has ever offered a car of this type. The Messenger does things upon a big scale; it is wedded to the idea that there is nothing too good for its friends in the Wonderful County, and when it decided to put on this subscription contest, a high-class automobile was selected: a machine that stands in the forefront of the auto world; a car that enjoys distinction and "class" wherever automobiles are used. By hustling and staying on the job in securing subscriptions to the county's most popular paper you can win this handsome prize. Read the rules of the contest, printed on first page of this issue, then enter the running.

The First State Bank

DECATUR, TEXAS.

At the close of business Sept. 2, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$139,625 64
Loans, real estate	262 70
Overdrafts	81 68
Internal revenue stamps	31 00
Furniture and fixtures	3,950 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$ 12,252 26
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	54 40
Cash items	211 73
Currency	4,053 00
Specie	2,635 45
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	800 96
Other resources as follows	88 56
TOTAL	\$164,047 38

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	1,000 00
Undivided profits, net	4,575 55
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net	6,830 94
Individual deposits subject to check	84,885 60
Time Certificates of deposit	1,300 00
Cashier's checks	4,005 42
Bills payable and rediscounts	11,000 00
Reserved for taxes	449 85
TOTAL	\$164,047 38

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, Guinn Williams as president, and E. P. Gibson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GUINN WILLIAMS, Pres.
E. P. GIBSON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 10th day of Sept., A. D. 1915.
R. L. Thompson, Notary Public.
Correct attest: J. A. Simmons, J. H. Mecaskey, C. B. Simmons, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Paradise State Bank

PARADISE, TEXAS.

At the close of business Sept 2, 1915:

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$22,936 70
Overdrafts	70
Real estate, banking house	1,300 00
Furniture and fixtures	600 00
Due from approved reserve agents net	7,081 13
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	7,081 13
Cash items	156 32
Currency	1,230 90
Specie	541 22
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	300 00
Assmt Guar. Fund	5 16
TOTAL	\$34,151 43

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$10,000 00
Undivided profits, net	1,692 32
Individual deposits subject to check	22,457 36
Cashier's checks	75
TOTAL	\$34,151 43

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, Guinn Williams as president, and H. T. Bridges as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Guinn Williams, President; H. T. Bridges, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me 9th day of Sept 1915. T. L. Taylor Notary Public Wise county.
Correct attest: J. H. Golaz, O. L. Harfissell, C. W. Pearson, Directors.

Services at Baptist Church

There were one hundred and seventy-eight in Sunday school, a good congregation at the morning service and a very large congregation at night. Miss Vesta Heath sang and Mrs. Rosser gave a violin offertory at the morning service and Mrs. Matthews sang at night. All services next Sunday as usual. The pastor will preach at both hours. Special music will be provided. Large congregations are expected and a profitable day is assured. You are invited.
HARLAN J. MATTHEWS, Pastor.

Miss Katherine Frazer left yesterday to take up her duties as instructor in domestic science in the Ft Worth high school.

TEACHERS HAVE GRAND MEETING

The Wise county teachers' institute opened its annual session Monday morning, September 15, at the Decatur high school building. Invocation was pronounced by Rev. Harlan J. Matthews, and after which, "America" was sung.

The welcome address was delivered by Hon. T. J. McMurray, who made the teachers indeed feel welcome. Supt. D. A. Turner of Boyd, responded on behalf of the teachers, saying, "they had not heard a welcome address, but a welcome itself."

Supt. Trussell spoke on the plan and purpose of the week's work, commended past services of the teachers, outlined the work for the next year and advised the use of plenty of "pep" in the work of the week.

Mr. Hoppingarner, representing the extension department of the State university, addressed the institute on "Schoolhouse Meetings and the Inter-scholastic Leagues." These two subjects are of vital importance to every teacher in the county as they stand as a means of solving one of the problems confronting Texas today, namely: The betterment of social conditions in the rural communities.

County Superintendent Bludworth of Fort Worth, addressed the institute on the necessity of thorough preparation on the part of teachers, and also showed the great value of consolidation among rural schools.

Supt. Barton stressed the moral qualifications of the teacher, naming among other things, honesty, kindness, sympathy.

The teachers are praising the hospitality of Decatur people as exhibited in the lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lillard on Monday evening.

Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff spoke on the aim of education.

Drs. Reeves, Petty, Braselton and Funk brought helpful messages on school sanitation, disease and school manners.

Hon. D. C. Dove, representing the state department of agriculture emphasized the importance of making rural life more attractive and the land more productive. This will improve the country schools and check the rush of country life to the city.

Chief clerk Binion of the department of education, said that the failure of many country schools was due in great part to poorly equipped teachers. He explained how rural schools could obtain \$500 from the one million dollar school appropriation made by the last legislature. A local tax of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation and compliance with new school house building law, etc., are necessary to secure this aid.

Texas ranks 38th among the states of the union in the matter of education.

J. D. Blackwell of A. M. college, gave a demonstration in grading seed corn. He also told the teachers how to do some real agricultural work during the school term—things that will help the community in general.

J. Henry Phillips of Denton, representing the McMillan Book Co., made an interesting talk.

Cliff D. Cates addressed the institute on the rural school as a social center. He spoke of the Oak Grove Forward Movement and emphasized the importance of getting the community together in a social way at frequent intervals with a live program.

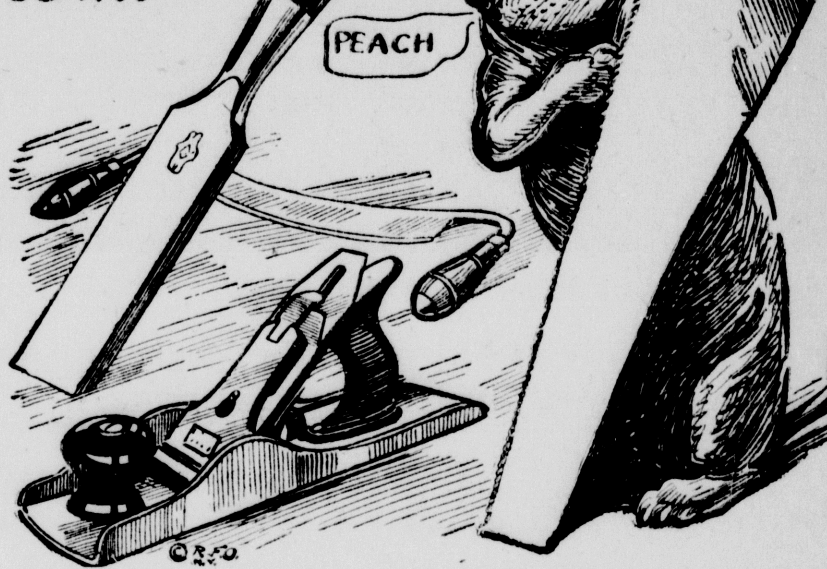
Supt. Trussell shows marked executive ability in conducting the sessions of the institute.

Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lillard, the teachers attending the institute and a large number of Decatur people gathered to while away the hours. This was voted the most enjoyable occasions and those attending had a most pleasant time. The occasion was in honor of the visiting teachers, who are in Decatur this week two hundred strong. The Lillard home, the scene of many joyous affairs, was thrown open to the people for the purpose of having the citizens meet the teachers and for all to have a "good time," and it was a splendid success in every particular. A good musical program was given by the Harmony club, under the direction of Mrs. John A. Simmons and Mrs. D. W. Frazer, choral director and vice president of the club. Mrs. M. W. Burch looked after the diversions in her usual charming manner. Delicious refreshments were served to all present.

The ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will give a dinner on the square first Monday in October. Patronize these good ladies and get a big square meal; and, you are assisting a good cause, too.

Miss Mary Risenger announces she will give a piano recital at the high school auditorium in the near future, the date to be announced later.

We have a sharp edge on the tool business in this town



We have been in the hardware business a long time and have tested many makes of tools. Those which have best stood the test are the kind we carry.

All through our store we sell "Reliable" Hardware that will stand rough wear. It is our good goods and low prices that bring us the business.

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UNDERTAKERS and LICENSED EMBALMERS

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We have the famous

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Let us order your new suit. Prices \$13 to \$40. 500 samples

Cleaning and Pressing Promptly Done

R. A. SAMPLES

I'M DYING TO LIVE AND HAVE FITS IN SOCIETY

Ball-Christian Furniture Co

Funeral Directors and Undertakers

DECATUR, TEXAS

Both, Phones--Day or Night

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Wise, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 4th day of September, 1915, by Lory D. White, clerk of said court against John B. Hubbard, for the sum of five hundred and eighty-six dollars and sixty-three cents (\$586.63) and costs of suit, in cause No. 3786 in said court, styled Alfred McClure, et al., versus J. I. Waters et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, J. Lee Mann, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 6th day of September, 1915, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit: Situated in Wise county, Texas, about two miles west from Decatur, being a part of the Joseph H. Moore survey, bounded as follows: Beginning at the south west corner of an 80 acre tract, sold to John Hunter; thence east with the south line of

same 150 vrs; thence north 2 vrs; thence west 150 vrs; thence south 150 vrs; to the place of beginning, containing six acres land, and upon as the property of said John B. Hubbard. And on Tuesday, day of October, 1915, at the house door of Wise county city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. sell said land at public vendue, to the highest bidder, property of John B. Hubbard, of said levy and said sale.

And in compliance with law this notice by publication, in lish language, once a week consecutive weeks immediately said day of sale, in County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 6th September, 1915. J. LEE MANN, Sheriff, Wise County, Te

BUSINESS DEALS

We invite you to use the facilities offered by our bank when you have any business deals to transact.

If you wish to buy, sell or transfer personal property or real estate, come right into our bank and if you need any help in making out the papers, we will be glad to be of service to you. All sorts of legal forms always on hand and a notary public at your command. All business matters will be strictly confidential.

The City National Bank

Capital and Surplus - - \$110,000.00

Local News

Sheet music at Hill Drug Co.

Guinn Williams continues sick with la grippe.

A. H. Dozier of Cooper, has been in the city.

George Brown of Paradise, was here this week.

Mrs. R. M. Collins is visiting friends in Denton.

A. C. Hoyl last week purchased the Gibson-Cartwright cattle.

Irwin McCarter was up from Fort Worth Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McMillan on September 12, a son.

Popular music at popular prices at Hill Drug Co.

John Nichols was here yesterday from Seymour.

Fancy wide stripe fall shirt waists in madras and lingere; choice 98c at the Red Store.

Hiram Tannehill and wife of Hallsell are visiting here.

V. E. Baldrige and family were here Wednesday from Chico.

Andy Rogers of Altus, Okla., was guest of his brother, M. L.

Mrs. Emmett Ford of Seymour, has been visiting relatives here.

Frank Ford and Lon Mann have returned from a trip through the Panhandle.

Geo. Pedear was arrested in Wichita county and brought here and put in jail on the charge of bigamy.

Uncle Al Jones of Mississippi, is guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jones.

The biggest assortment of shirt waists in Decatur on display at the Red Store. Don't fail to see the special in the window at 98c.

Carden of Sherman, will be at Valley View tomorrow and Sunday morning.

Floyd Helm gave a slumber party Wednesday night to a number of ladies in honor of her friend Miss Myrtle Chance, of Fort Worth.

See window display of shirt waists for 98c in Red Store window.

Matthews will address the ladies' meeting next Sunday at 3 o'clock. All of the ladies in the vicinity are urged to attend. Bro. Matthews will have a message for you should hear.

Walter Harding is an expert in the work. She is selling the corset.

Mrs. Silas Morris entertained a number of young people on the night of last week in honor of Eutha Mae Dillehay and Moore. Refreshments were served.

Raney of Cleburne, has been to take Miss Perrin's place in the seventh grade of the high school. Miss Raney is highly recommended as an instructor by ability and experience.

Big shipment of ladies' new style fall waists in lingere voiles, and madras values \$1.50 to \$2.00 special at the Red Store, 98c.

Mrs. Sue Newton Long of Tioga, an old-time resident of Decatur, was the guest of the family of J. A. Vandiver this week. Mrs. Long was one of the pioneers of this section, and has many friends in Wise county.

On account of Jewish holiday, we will close Saturday until 5 p. m. A. Robinson Dry Goods Co. Decatur, Texas.

The outlook for a good football team at the college are bright. Much good material has arrived and the boys are all anxious to get to work with the squad. Prof. Hamilton and Russell Dallas will coach the team.

Best bargain ever offered in Decatur are those 50-cent work shirts for 25c at the Red Store.

Marriage licenses: J. D. Watson and Miss Wilma Laughter of Rhame; Isaac Holt of Shawnee, Okla. and Miss Lucy Gunter of Chico; Carl Griner of Decatur and Miss Minnie Kelsey of Rhame; Selden Beach and Miss Ada Birdwell of Boyd.

Rev. W. Tyson was here this week from Jacksboro.

The first meeting of the Harmony club was well attended, most all the members being present. A splendid program was given at this open meeting. Mrs. D. W. Frazer, vice president of the club, will preside at all meetings of the organization until the president, Mrs. L. H. Reeves, fully recovers from her recent illness. The choral work, conducted by Mrs. John A. Simmons, this season promises to be the most interesting in the club's history.

Miss Jennetta V. Allen of Fort Worth, has accepted the department of expression in the college. She is a reader of splendid ability, her numbers given at the high school recital and Scout program being greatly enjoyed, and she has proven her talent as instructor.

Miss Irene Perrin has gone to Wichita Falls to accept a position in the Floral Heights school. Miss Perrin resigned her place in the high school here to accept the new position. She is a splendid young lady and an efficient instructor whose work here has proven very satisfactory.

The Red Store is offering a good blue work shirt, special sale Saturday at only 25 cents. See their show window.

Decatur Baptist College opened the fall term Wednesday morning with a good attendance. The formal opening exercises were curtailed on account of the rain. The attendance from this community is larger than ever before, and out of town students continue to come in on every train, and it seems that the enrollment this year will be the largest in the history of the school. Classes were assigned yesterday and recitations begin today.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Spencer of the chemistry department of Baylor university, leave this week for New Haven, where Prof. Spencer will spend the year in study in the Graduate School of Yale university. They have had charge of the Girls' Co-operative home on Speight street, which will be this year under the supervision of Professor and Mrs. J. E. Hawkins.—Waco News.

"David Harum," the well-known comedy and human interest play, will be seen in motion pictures at the Majestic tonight. This is one of the strongest features by the Famous Players Co. Don't fail to see this splendid picture.

The following will be read with interest by music lovers of Decatur and those who contemplate patronizing the department of music in the Decatur High school, the director of which has just returned from New York: "Lachmund Conservatory of Piano Playing, Steinway Hall, New York City.—Miss Mary Risinger, who has taken our summer course in Piano Playing, Harmony and the Art of Teaching, with me personally, gave a Piano Recital at the Conservatory Parlors on the evening of September first. Her gratifying results, as shown on this occasion, will, no doubt, reflect to the benefit of any pupils who may be able to study with her.—Carl V. Lachmund, New York, September 2, 1915."

Men's extra good quality blue work shirts worth double the amount, on special sale Saturday—25c. The Red Store.

J. A. Tankersley, notice of whose death is published in today's Messenger, had numerous good friends in Decatur and community, who will be sad to learn of his death. "Dad" Tankersley as he was familiarly known to the Decatur citizens, was one of the best men in all this wide world; a man who held the love and esteem of all people with whom he came in contact; a true, old-time Southern gentleman of the best type. To the good old lady who has trod the path of life with this man, and to other relatives, the Messenger extends sympathy.

The Spirillo corset is sold by Mrs. Walter Harding in Decatur and surrounding territory.

Miss Florentyne Gibbon has returned to Fort Worth, where she will re-enter a music conservatory. This girl is one of the most talented musicians in the state. One of the most famous instructors in the South stated while Miss Gibbon was finishing in New Orleans that she was one of the best pupils he had ever had under his charge. Miss Florentyne is one of the Harmony club's valuable members and she will be greatly missed by the club.

Special lot of men's 50c blue work shirts on sale Saturday only 25c. The Red Store.

Miss Eunice Turner of Slidell, is spending the week end here.

Editor A. W. Whitehead of the Chico Review, was to see the Messenger Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Whitehead stated that arrangements were being made by the Chico citizens to entertain Governor Jim Ferguson on Monday, October 11. A large tent will be erected in the Chico square and one of the grandest receptions ever tendered a governor will be given the state's chief magistrate when he visits that thriving town. Governor Ferguson has been invited to open the Wise county fair in Decatur on the morning of the 12th, and it is proposed to have him come over from Chico. Editor Whitehead stated that a large delegation will come over with the governor and attend the opening of Wise county's great fair.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents per line per week

FOR SALE—Nice bunch well-bred goats, 40 or 50. T. F. MILLIGAN, Greenwood.

OATS FOR SALE—40c per bushel. See HENRY ASKEY at Sellers' store. (94)

FOR SALE—DeLaval cream separator, good as new, for sale or trade at a bargain. G. L. BATES, Route 4, Decatur. (93)

FOR SALE—Thomas wheat drill, in good condition; also Empire cream separator; at a bargain. MRS. W. G. STANDLEY, Decatur.

FOR SALE—Good gentle buggy horse and phaeton; will sell together or separately, at a bargain. MRS. D. F. DAVIS. (91-2)

FOR SALE—Best family horse in Decatur and good new screw. See me at my residence. MRS. MCNEILL, Decatur.

LOST—Two \$10 bills in Decatur Thursday. Finder return to this office or J. N. WEST, Route 6, for reward.

FOR RENT—Oct. 1, 3 nice rooms on South Trinity street. MISS SALLIE SMITH.

ESTRATED—Red yearling, few wire cuts, from Ranson pasture, southwest of town.

FOR SALE—12-horse power Case traction engine. Will sell cheap or trade for wagon and team. J. L. Birchfield. (90-92)

WANT TO SELL OR TRADE—All or part of 135 acre farm; half in cultivation; four room dwelling; very good outbuildings; fine well water with good windmill. Four miles west of Decatur, known as the Cundiff place. For prices and terms write or see owner, J. A. S. BAILEY, Whitney, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One No. 7 Remington typewriter. C. C. HENDERSON.

PASTURAGE—Good grass and plenty of pure water; see JOHN DICKSON, Creamery Plant, Decatur.

NEW

Fall Merchandise At New Fall Prices

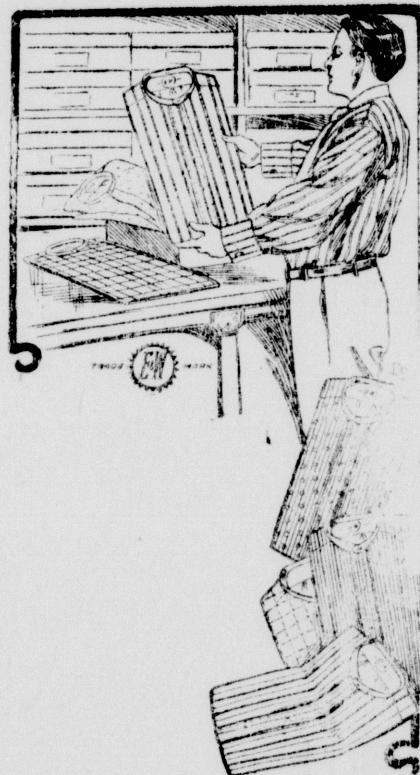
Our new goods are here and we want the opportunity to serve you cash on your fall purchases. The past season my business has more than doubled. This fact proves that we carry the goods the people want. New customers are coming each day. The policy of this store is not to misrepresent anything, and to stand behind everything that goes out of the store.

Wearables You Need Right Now to Begin The New Season

"If it's new, it's here" is the season opening slogan at Greer's. Our shelves are filled with the very newest of fall and winter wearables for all mankind, reflecting the latest of styles. Come and inspect the new stocks. You will be enthusiastic over the values we offer you.

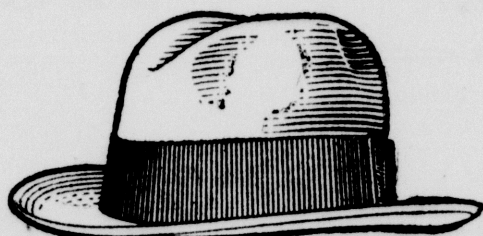
COME HERE FOR YOUR COLLARS, TIES, HOSE, BELTS, UNDERWEAR, HANDKERCHIEFS.

New Shirts



Complete line of shirts received. To appreciate them and know what real values are you must see the goods. When you are in need of shirts come here and see the new patterns at values never before offered.

Hats and Caps



The new hats and caps have just arrived in all the new shapes, styles and colors. Now is the time for the new hat or cap. Here you will find an assortment which will readily compare with any city store.

Notions

The price is right; that is why our notion department has become so popular.

Clark's O.N.T. crochet.....10c, 3 for 20c
J & P Coats crochet.....15c, 2 for 25c
Clark's O.N.T. sewing thread, 5c, 6 for 25c
San Silk, all colors.....6 for 25c
Silkateen.....6 for 25c
Clark's Luster.....6 for 25c
Good pins 1c paper; Safety pins 2 cards 5c
Best made oil cloth white and colors...15c
Good bleach towels, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c
Hair pins, 10c value.....5c

Tailored Suits

The largest assortment of suit patterns ever shown in Decatur are now on display. Let Greer make your suit. Suits tailored to order \$12.50 and up.

Shoes for Men



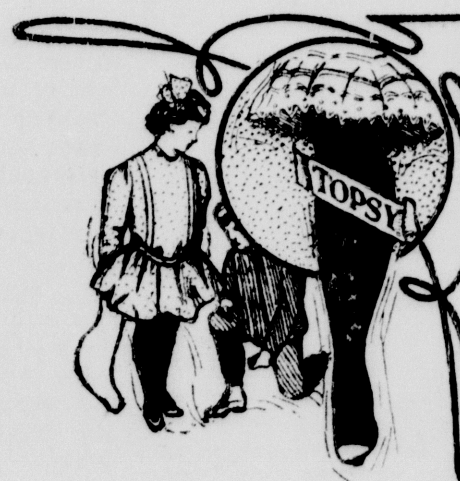
They are here in all the new lasts in both cloth tops and plain. Largest assortment of men's and boys' shoes ever shown in Decatur, \$2.50 to \$5. If you buy your shoes here, you are assured of getting the best at prices that are reasonable.

Ladies' Shoes



One thing you are assured of here is you have the right assortment of styles, sizes and widths from which to select. Come here for your shoes; they will give you service. Remember, good shoes do not cost any more here. \$2.00 to \$4.00.

Hosiery for Ladies



"PHOENIX" AND "TOPSY"

Just look at the brands of hosiery I carry and you can readily see why my hosiery sales are increasing.

Ladies' hose 10c to \$1.50.
Misses' hose 10c to 50c.

Visit this store. We are always glad to show you the many new things for fall.

Greer Cash Store

200 SNAKES MAKE VOYAGE A HORROR

The Brilliant, British Bark, Arrives in New York After Eventful 115-Day Trip.

NO SLEEP FOR CREW

Lascar, Chinese and Hindu Deck Hands Add to Danger by Fighting Among Themselves — Orientals Afraid of the Reptiles.

New York.—Two hundred deadly East Indian snakes overrunning the ship, five heat crazed yaks doing everything but climb aloft and a crew of 85 Lascars, Hindus and Chinese threatening every minute to cut one another's throats—such was the combination which added ten years to the age of Captain Grant of the Brilliant, a four-masted British bark.

The Brilliant recently arrived in New York harbor after a voyage of 115 days from Hong-kong. Life began to be just one strenuous minute after another almost before Victoria island had faded over the horizon, the excitement continuing unabated until the Jersey coast was sighted.

The Brilliant, carrying oil stores, had an uneventful voyage outward bound to Hong-kong and Kobe. She carried an able crew of Swedes and Norwegians, but they tired of the long grind and deserted the ship between watches a few hours after the vessel dropped anchor in Kobe harbor. With the holds filled with Japanese merchandise, Captain Grant was compelled to sign a nondescript crew composed of no less than ten nationalities in order to man his vessel for the homeward bound trip to New York. He cleared at Kobe, stopped at Hiogo until December 18, and made Hong-kong in two weeks. The entire crew deserted at this port and the seamen signed in their place represented, said Captain Grant, the scum of the port.

Squared away to the southward with the Straits of Sundae as the objective, the Brilliant became the theater for a series of events which made sleep a matter of three winks at a time for the officers. First of all it was found that most of the "able seamen" had never seen any more experience than would be necessary to handle a rowboat. When most of the men were



Snakes Had Been Given the Liberty of the Brilliant.

suffering from seasickness and lying in their bunks a big Lascar deserted his post at the wheel and made for the forward hatchway like a streak of brown. Two seconds elapsed and he came up from below with the entire crew at his heels. Ill or well, they were in the rigging at one leap and all gesticulated wildly as they directed the attention of Captain Grant to several squirming objects on the deck.

Four boxes filled with cobras and other poisonous reptiles had broken loose from their fastenings. Two hundred snakes had been given the liberty of the Brilliant. The orientals would not go near the snakes and Captain Grant and his officers were compelled to kill them with clubs.

After passing through the Straits of Sundae the five yaks on board began showing signs of suffering from the heat. As the Brilliant hovered near the "line" they went crazy one by one.

"They couldn't do it in a bunch," said Captain Grant. "They had to do it one at a time in order to prolong our agony."

The snakes and the heat-crazed yaks had practically scared the crew out of their wits before the "line" was well to the stern. About the time the last yak had been killed and cast overboard the Lascars and the Chinese engaged in a pitched battle.

The Hindus and others took sides in the argument. Their fights were a daily feature until long after the cape had been rounded. Instead of trying to prevent trouble, knowing that any interference on his part would only complicate matters, Captain Grant allowed them to fight it out among themselves.

STAGE A LYNCHING FOR OLD CLO' MAN

Students at Holbrook School Bring Money Dispute to Dramatic Climax.

REFUSED TO PAY BILL

Peddler Told the Boys He Would Pay Liberal Prices for Second-Hand Clothing, But Failed to Settle at Agreed Time.

Ossining, N. Y.—Students at the Holbrook school, about a mile from this city, are giving a warm and enthusiastic reception to "old clo' men" this season. In fact their receptions are so warm and enthusiastic that this class of dealer for some time in the future probably will give Holbrook school a wide berth.

It all happened because a peddler sought to add to his stock of goods by annexing without pay a suit belonging to one of the students of the school. He went to the school and said he would pay liberal prices for second-hand clothing owned by the students. After looking over the collection he offered to buy some of the clothes and the offer was accepted.

When it came time to pay the bills, however, the "old clo' man" refused to pay for one of the suits he had bought, asserting that he had brought it with him from another place. This explanation did not satisfy the students and they loudly denounced the business methods of the peddler.

Failing to get satisfaction, the students shut the "old clo' man" in a corridor and warned him that he would be kept there until he paid for the suit. The peddler escaped by an open door leading through one of the rooms. One of the students, however, saw him as he beat a hurried retreat, taking the suit in question with him.

Following a brief but swift pursuit the peddler was captured and brought back to the campus of the school.

"Lynch him!" shouted one of the students.

Other students caught the spirit of the remark and hurried for ropes. The



His Prayers for Delivery Were Long and Loud.

peddler at last took fright and began to beg for mercy. The students, heedless of his entreaties, tied his arms and legs with the ropes, dragged him under a tree and pretended that they were about to swing him up.

By this time the peddler was willing to give any amount of money for the clothing that he had refused to pay for. His prayers for delivery were long and loud. Automobile parties on the way to Briarcliff manor stopped to learn the cause of the discussion and the peddler beseeched them to save him from the vengeance of the students.

Meanwhile, members of the faculty of the school appeared and stopped the sport of the students. The "old clo' man" did not wait for apologies, but as soon as he was set at liberty hurried off in the direction of Briarcliff manor, leaving the suit behind him.

BRIDE FORGOT HER NAME

Married Only a Week, She Could Not Remember That She Was Mrs. Katamachka.

New York.—Bride for a week, Mrs. Anna Katamachka could not remember when she appeared before the court of special sessions at Jamaica to testify in a case.

"Your name?" asked the clerk when the woman took the stand.

"Anna."

"Last name?"

"I can't remember. I have only been married a week."

"Katamachka," prompted Husband Joseph.

The Kathamachkas appeared against Michael Comer, a former admirer of the bride, who got 20 days for hitting the bridegroom with a soda bottle at the wedding.

KITCHEN HINTS OF MOMENT

Proper Receptacles for the Preservation of Food—Meat When Roasting Should Be Kept Covered.

Everybody does not know that food in general should not be allowed to cool in tin, copper or iron. It must be placed while hot in agate, china or well glazed earthen ware.

Green vegetables should be dropped into boiling water to which a pinch of bicarbonate of soda has been added. Put in salt when the article is half cooked.

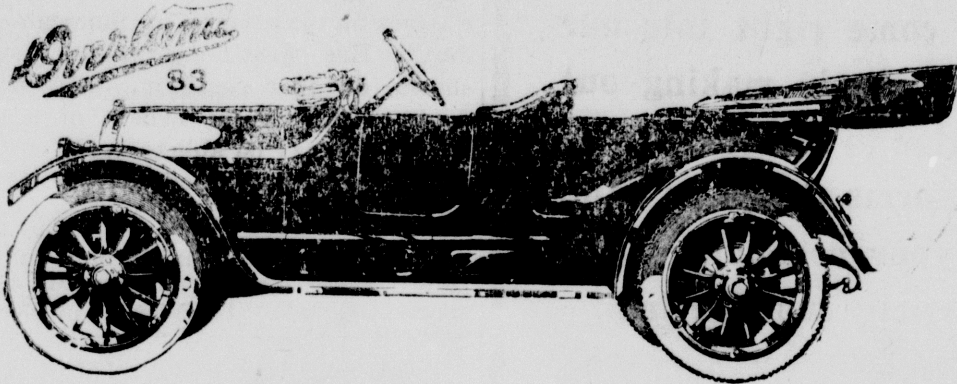
If you have covered a pan in which meat is to be roasted never open it to taste the meat. Keep it covered from start to finish. The idea is that the pans are filled with steam, which penetrates the fibers of the meat. If desired to brown the outside leave the cover off for the first half hour in a quick oven.

The shank bones of mutton, of so little general value, if well soaked add to the richness of gravies and soup stock.

When boiling haricot beans or dried limas do not put in the salt until they are nearly cooked, otherwise they are apt to split and come out of their skins. They should be brought to the boiling point, that water poured off and fresh boiling water poured over them.

Whipping Cream Should Be Cold. Often the housewife finds that the cream she has will not whip. The de-

Overland \$750



This is the car we have contracted to deliver to Collins & Smith to be given winner in Messenger's Great Subscription Contest.

Advantages--for your Wife

Many a car that looks good from a superficial examination is often found to be very incomplete and lacking in many conveniences, after it has been purchased.

Nowadays all cars run but some run with considerably less bother than others.

In this respect the Overland has many desirable advantages---advantages that will appeal particularly to your wife.

All electric controls are located on the steering column---within natural reach. Nothing can be simpler or more convenient.

The clutch and brake pedals are adjustable to any angle. Another convenience.

Also they "give" with practically no effort. One does not have to strain in order to apply the brake or disengage the clutch.

The steering wheel is large and turns very easily. Strength is not a bit necessary. A young girl can handle it.

The shifting lever is handy and shifts readily. It is placed so that it in no way interferes with either driver or other occupant of the front seat.

All storm curtains can be put on in a few minutes without getting out of the car. They are so arranged that they almost fall in place.

These few things are indicative of Overland comforts and conveniences. Your wife will appreciate them.

Compared with other popular-priced cars, the Overland has many decided advantages.

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First of all service.

From inquiry journey's end in our endeavor to make "Katy" passenger service efficient, comfortable, convenient and dependable—in short, to serve you in the full spirit of service.



Griners' Restaurant

EAST MAIN STREET

Fresh Fish and Oysters
Short Orders

Read the Messenger ads. They pay many paying, money-saving opportunities.

Wise County Baptist Association

The Wise County Baptist association met in the thirtieth annual session at Chico Wednesday, September 8, and continued in session for three days, closing Friday afternoon, September 10. There were more than two hundred messengers and visitors in attendance and all the services were especially enthusiastic. H. F. Hawkins, of Chico, was re-elected as moderator and Rev. J. W. Bailey and C. B. Gunn both of Decatur, were re-elected as clerk and treasurer, respectively. Rev. Harlan J. Matthews of Decatur, preached the introductory sermon. Other sermons were preached by Revs. R. L. Estes, J. H. Heathington, W. C. McClung and J. B. Tidwell. This association was perhaps the best ever held in this county. There were more conversions and additions and additions reported this year than ever before in the history of the association. Rev. W. L. Ayers, the county missionary, has done a most excellent year's work and is to continue another year. The next session will meet at Rhome Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1916.

Ever Salivated by Calomel? Horrible!

Calomel Is Quicksilver and Acts Like Dynamite on Your Liver.

Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into your bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system. When you feel sluggish, bilious, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for fifty cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and cannot salivate. Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe.

Card of Thanks

In appreciation of services rendered and shown us during the death of our mother, Mrs. [Name], we desire to thank our friends and acquaintances for their kindness and expressions of sympathy and also the physicians who self-sacrificing in their HER CHILDREN.

Owners, Attention!

on file in the office of the an extensive list of names of prospective home-seekers as have been compiled by the Immigration Department of the North & Denver City railway. In addition to this, we possess more than two thousand names and addresses wherein information concerning each is available. We have lands for sale or land and desire to communicate with these inquirers, the names of these inquiries will be furnished you by applying at this office. Detailed particulars as to name, address, age, nationality, in family, years at present number of live stock and condition of all these prospective on file in the office of Sterley, general freight agent of the F. W. & Co. at Denver-Record, Fort Worth, Texas, and information concerning prospective home seekers obtained free of cost by addressed envelope to making inquiry reference book and the applicant's book.—Adv.

Payment

ing communication promptness and dispatch in the Woodmen Circle, Texas, Aug. 20, 1915. as. lils: press to you, and the Woodmen Circle appreciation for the of the certificate life was carrying in the association. ly a member since and died on July ent and settlement ve received the full er the certificate, truly yours, N WILLIAMSON.

An Aged Pioneer Has Passed Away

Mrs. Mattie A. Burton, whose death occurred Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dave Hoyl, in West Decatur, was one of the old time citizens of this community, coming here years before the present generation saw the light of day. She was born in Christian county, Ill., in 1850, and came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neri Hobson, to Wise county when she was eight years of age, residing three miles east of Decatur. In 1867 she was married to J. A. Reed, whose death occurred a few months after the marriage. One son, J. A. Reed, Jr., was born of this union. In 1871 Mrs. Reed married J. M. Burton. Six children were born to them, Mrs. Lura James, Mrs. Dave Hoyl, Walter, Forrest, Tom and Elmore Burton. Two of these sons, Walter and Elmore, with their father, preceded her into the world beyond. About twelve years ago, Mrs. Burton became a member of the Christian church in Decatur.

In the death of this pioneer and good citizen, this community loses a stalwart character, one whose good deeds will live in the minds and hearts of the hundreds of our people who honored and loved her, and were the tears shed at her departure turned to flowers, she would today rest beneath a bed of roses. She filled her mission, and when the sombre curtain of death was run down she was ready and prepared to meet the verdict of her God.

Old Decaturite Dies At Home of Son

J. A. Tankersley, 85, for thirty-five years a resident of North Texas, died at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Glenrose after an illness of several weeks. Saturday was the sixty-fifth anniversary of his marriage and his wife survives him at the age of 84 years.

Three sons, Judge S. G. Tankersley and A. P. Tankersley of Fort Worth, and C. W. Tankersley of Quanah, also survive the deceased. For the last five years he had been living with Judge Tankersley at 1305 West Terrell avenue, Fort Worth. He went to his son's farm at Glenrose early in the summer for his health.

J. A. Tankersley was born in Lincoln county, Tennessee, in 1830, settling at Decatur, Texas, 1880. For the ten years preceding his coming to Ft. Worth he was justice of the peace at Decatur. The funeral will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.—Fort Worth Record.

Bridgeport Youth Injured Saturday

Bridgeport, Texas, Sept. 12.—Hubert Ingraham, 8, son of H. H. Ingraham, a ranchman of Bridgeport, was seriously injured yesterday. The boy, in company with others, was playing around the windmill and his clothing became entangled in the gearing, and it required more than an hour to release him.

The family physician states that unless blood poison sets up he will recover.

A Stitch in Time

Decatur People Should Not Neglect Their Kidneys.

No kidney ailment is unimportant. Don't overlook the slightest backache or urinary irregularity. Nature may be warning you of approaching dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease. Kidney disease is seldom fatal if treated in time, but neglect may pave the way. Don't neglect a lame or aching back another day. Don't ignore dizzy spells, irregular or discolored urine, headaches, weariness or depression. If you feel you need kidney help begin using the reliable, time-tried remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills. For 50 years, Doan's have been found effective. Endorsed by grateful people.

J. N. Campbell, retired lawyer, N. Smith St., Bowie, Texas, says: "For elderly men, I advise the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. For about five years now, I have taken them off and on and have always found pleasing relief from pains across the loins and irregular passage of the kidney excretions. Others in need of a kidney medicine should try Doan's Kidney Pills, as I am convinced they are a medicine of merit for kidney trouble."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Campbell had. Foster Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

NEW GOODS Arriving Daily

Our buyers have returned from the Eastern Markets and report that they have bought the largest assortment of Dress Goods, Ladies' Suits, Coats, Sport Coats, Ladies' Misses', Children's Shoes, Men's & Boys' Shoes that The Store for All the People ever had.

These goods are arriving daily, and we are prepared to show you the New Merchandise right off the reel. Make us a visit and look at the new styles. You will be welcome at our store whether you buy one penny's worth. We want to show you what we have, and when you get ready to buy, we will appreciate your patronage.

Bellah & Sons Co "The Store For All the People" Decatur, Tex

Beef Tea Meat.
Remove all gristle and fat from meat intended for beef tea. Place these trimmings in a pan with sufficient water to cover them, and add any vegetable to hand cut up small. Allow to simmer, then add the meat from the beef tea. Simmer for four hours, then strain through a hair sieve and pour the liquid into a mold to set. When cold it will be a nourishing jelly, suitable for invalids. The vegetable used must be quite fresh.

Paint Flower Pots.
Instead of buying expensive jardiniere for your plants, paint the ordinary flower pots and saucers with an oil paint to harmonize with the color scheme of the room. Have pots painted a soft leaf green, or Chinese blues are very quaint and decorative.

To Prevent Gas Stove Sweating.
If you are careful to leave the door of your gas range open after using, it will allow the heat to escape and prevent the sweating of the metal, which leads to rust.

E. G. Hudson's Statement
E. G. Hudson, merchant of Chamber, Ga., says: "Foley Cathartic Tablets are the 'best on earth' for a thorough cleansing movement of the bowels without the slightest inconvenience or sickening and no bad effects. They certainly do relieve indigestion or constipation quickly and lighten up the liver. They make you feel light, free and energetic." Hill Drug Co.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER



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at the Exchange Barber Shop. We have a warrant for your whiskers, and you might as well come in peaceably and turn them over to us.

THE EXCHANGE BARBER SHOP

L. C. FUNCHES, V. S.
Office in Veterinary Hospital
All calls attended promptly
Phones: Residence, S. W. 61, Ind. 174
Office: Both phones 26.
South Trinity Street Decatur, Tex.

Dr. J. V. Prunty
DENTIST
Parlors over Bellah & Sons

Worn Out?
No doubt you are, if you suffer from any of the numerous ailments to which all women are subject. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, weak, tired feeling, are some of the symptoms, and you must rid yourself of them in order to feel well. Thousands of women, who have been benefited by this remedy, urge you to

TAKE

Cardui The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., says: "Before taking Cardui, I was, at times, so weak I could hardly walk, and the pain in my back and head nearly killed me. After taking three bottles of Cardui, the pains disappeared. Now I feel as well as I ever did. Every suffering woman should try Cardui." Get a bottle today. E-68

ONE OF THE ABSOLUTELY SURE THINGS IN MEDICINE IS
The Pennington Cure for Piles
We are the sole owners of the State rights, therefore, the only Specialists in Texas who can administer this wonderful cure, which eliminates the dangers of the knife, ligature, caustery and carbolic acid injections and effects a cure without loss of time from one's work. Hundreds of cases cured, all walking advertisements, sending us their friends afflicted as they were. We will furnish you with the names of as many as you care to see or write to, and we never use or publish names without the consent of the patient. Why submit to an operation with its attendant dangers and hospital fees, or waste further time in useless self-treatment with salves, ointments, etc.? We take all the risk and guarantee results.
WE ALSO TREAT RUPTURE, STRICTURE, VARICOCELE, HYDROCELE, WITHOUT PERFORMING A CUTTING OPERATION. NO CASES TREATED BY MAIL. CONSULTATION FREE.
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RHEUMATISM
Relieved in 48 Hours or Money Refunded, if a Dollar Bottle of
Micro-Line Blood Remedy
Falls to cure you in 48 hours of Rheumatism, Gout, Lumbago or Sciatica add all Rheumatic ailments. It stops the pain, removes the cause, and when this is done, have no fear of Rheumatism or its kindred afflictions. Full size bottle sent prepaid by the Manufacturers, ROGER DRUG AND CHEMICAL CO., Dallas, if you can't procure from your local druggist. Sold in Decatur by C. B. GUNN, a clean, reliable drug store.

Torn Flesh, Wounds, Sores, Scalds, Cuts, Burns and neglected, they become troublesome and hard to heal.
BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT
Is a Healing Remedy of Power
It mends lacerated flesh speedily, prevents the formation of pus, and in all minor ailments heals without leaving a scar. As a pain relief for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lame Back, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles, there is nothing that acts more promptly or effectively.
Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle
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Sold by MAN & SIMMONS

TODAY -- TOMORROW

Exclusive Showing of the
Latest Styles and Newest Models
Fall and Winter Millinery

MRS. E. B. MELTON



Learn to buy at
Our
Drug Store—
Stationery,
School Supplies

Our Drug Store is headquarters in this city for
School Supplies. We took particular care to learn
exactly what the children would need in each grade
and we purchased just what is necessary for them.

Come to us for your school supplies and we will give
you what you want at the right prices.

HILL DRUG COMPANY
— "HAS IT" —

On account of the
Jewish Holiday we will
close Saturday until 5
p.m. A. Robinson & Co

New League Officers

Following are the new officers of the
Epworth League: President, Homer
Holliday, re-elected; vice president,
Miss May Belle Pirtle; secretary,
Elbertine Williams; corresponding
secretary, Ada Allison; supt. of first
department, Miss Ethel Renshaw;
supt. of second department, May
Hoyl; supt. of third department,
Eunice Adams; supt. fourth depart-
ment and treasurer, Epworth Era
agent, Henry Mason.

Warehouse Board Meet

At the stockholders' meeting of the
Farmers' Union Warehouse Co. held
in the courthouse Tuesday evening,
the following directors were elected
to serve for one year: A. B. Fullin-
gim, T. L. Ball, Sam McGaughey,
S. P. Taylor, J. D. Young, Glen Rus-
sell, J. D. Taylor, Guinn Williams,
and W. P. Thurmond.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere
thanks to our many friends and loved
ones for the many kind acts and
deeds shown us in the sickness and
death of our darling baby boy, and
may God's richest blessings forever
abide with us all; and some day we
shall meet him in the sweet by and
bye, is our prayer.

R. G. Thompson and Family.

NOTICE

W. L. Whelan, artistic piano tuner
and regulator, is in the city for a few
days, prepared to attend to all tun-
ing, repairing or case work. Refer-
ence: Any of the leading music
teachers. Absolute satisfaction guar-
anteed or no charges will be made.
Leave orders at Holliday rooming
house.

Cash paid for chickens, eggs and
butter at McAnear's.

Lands Sold and Traded

During the past 4 months we have
sold and traded lands for the follow-
ing persons.

W. R. Ranson
Camp & Wallace
E. B. Moreland
J. Sadou
H. C. Tucker
Campbell Bros. & Co
S. M. Gose
Will Beauchamp
W. G. Ray
J. L. Campbell
W. N. Biggers
Glenn Russell
A. R. McClain
J. L. Ray
W. H. Askey

These sales and trades amount to
over \$336,000.00

If you have good property and want
to dispose of it for Western lands, or
sell at a bargain, list with us. We
are on the go all the time and always
have bargains for sale or trade.

SCOTT & GOSE

Schools May Bar Children

Common colds are contagious and
boards of health in many cities are
considering barring children with
colds from school. Foley's Honey
and Tar is an old and reliable family
medicine and frees children from
coughs, colds, croup and whooping
cough. Parents may save trouble by
giving before school opens. Hill
Drug Co.

Try the "Servus" brand of goods.
guaranteed to please. We carry a
full line. McAnear's Grocery.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First State Bank

OF GREENWOOD, TEXAS.

At the close of business Sept. 2, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts \$ 17,842 41
Overdrafts 12 85
Furniture and fixtures 1,337 00
Due from approved re-
serve agents, net \$1,422 14—1,422 14
Duh from banks and bankers
subject to check
Cash items 43 42
Currency 1,193 00
Specie 564 66—1,801 08
Interest in depositors guar-
anty fund 300 00
Other resources as follows 60 23
Total \$22,775 71

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in \$10,000 00
Surplus fund 750 00
Undivided profits net 427 90
Due to banks and bankers
subject to check, net 171 50
Individual deposits subject
to check 10,076 31
Time certificates of deposit 350 00
Bills payable and rediscounts 1,000 00
Total \$22,591 75

State of Texas, County of Wise:—
We, J. P. Rudd, as president,
and Chas. E. Peery as cashier of said
bank, each of us, do solemnly swear
that the above statement is true to
the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. P. Rudd, president; Chas.
E. Peery cashier.

Correct attest: E. B. Brown, J. R.
Roach, John M. Lowder, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 12th day of Sept. 1915. W. M.
Maley, Notary Public Wise county.

GANZER TALKS TO THE COURT

Mr. Wm. Ganzer of Denton, Unit-
ed States demonstration agent for
this section of Texas, appeared be-
fore the commissioners' court Tues-
day afternoon in behalf of the move-
ment set afoot by a number of our
citizens to have a county agent ap-
pointed. Mr. Ganzer made a splen-
did talk, in which he told of the mag-
nificent results accruing to the farm-
ers through the government's method
of farming. He told of his experi-
ence as a farmer and of the success
that had come to him by making a
scientific study of the business. More
than one hundred counties in Texas
have accepted the federal government's
aid and the results accomplished in
these counties have demonstrated be-
yond all doubt the good of the move-
ment. Closing his remarks Mr. Gan-
zer stated that the United States
government would contribute \$400 to
a fund of \$1,200 to prosecute this
work in Wise county, and as the
years go by the contribution from the
county will be decreased. The court
refused the proposition, but it is be-
lieved it will be taken up and accept-
ed next year.

BIG CONTEST IS NOW ON

For some time the Messenger has
contemplated giving to the people of
Wise county the greatest subscription
contest ever offered by a weekly pa-
per in Texas, one that would stimulate
the best efforts of the young and old
in securing subscriptions for the
Messenger. After looking "over the
field" and calculating on what would
appear strongly to all our friends,
the Messenger today announces that
a beautiful Overland five-passenger
automobile has been selected for the
winner in this, the grandest subscrip-
tion contest ever inaugurated in this
county. This handsome machine,
classy in every detail, is to be pre-
sented by the Messenger to some ener-
getic Miss, Mrs. or Mr. in Wise coun-
ty. Her or his ability to secure sub-
scriptions, new and re-newals, will be
the determining factor in the contest-
ant's success.

The Messenger desires a list of five
thousand subscribers within the
boundaries of its home county. The
Messenger should have this number
and there's no reason in the world
why this goal can't be reached. It
will. Enjoying a peculiar place in
the big affairs of the county, having
friends all over the county, the list of
Messenger readers has steadily grown
and today it has a larger list than
the combined lists of all other Wise
county newspapers. The Messenger
has merit, and solicitors will experi-
ence no trouble in securing new
names for this list, and renewals can
be secured readily.

The rules of the contest are few and
simple: It is just a plain business
proposition made by Wise county's
popular paper to its friends.

Read the rules in advertisement on
first page, size up the handsome car,
then enlist in the campaign.
It is worth while!

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff
or any Constable of Wise County—
Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to sum-
mon E. A. Lee and G. H. Cearley by
publication of this citation once in
each week for eight successive weeks
previous to the return day hereof, in
some newspaper published in your
county, if there be a newspaper pub-
lished therein, but if not, then in any
newspaper published in the 43rd judi-
cial district; but if there be no news-
paper published in said judicial dis-
trict, then in a newspaper published
in the nearest district to said 43rd ju-
dicial district, to appear at the next
regular term of the district court of
Wise county, to be holden at the
court house thereof, in Decatur, on
the last Monday in November, 1915,
the same being the 29th day of No-
vember, 1915, then and there to an-
swer a petition filed in said court
on the 29th day of July, 1915, in a suit
numbered on the docket of said court
No. 3945, wherein, O. Farrington is
plaintiff, and E. A. Lee, G. H. Cear-
ley, G. W. Ray, J. W. Ray and Mat-
thews Heard & Cady, a corpora-
tion, are defendants, and the nature of
the demand set out in said petition
being a suit on four vendor's lien
notes for the sum of \$58.35 each, dated
October 6, 1909, executed by G. H.
Cearley and payable to the order of
G. W. Ray on December 1st, 1914,
December 1, 1915, December 1, 1916,
and December 1, 1917, respectively,
bearing interest at ten per cent per
annum from date, and providing for
ten per cent attorney's fees; said
notes being now owned by plaintiff.
Also to have plaintiff's vendor's lien
adjudged superior to the claims, liens
and rights of defendant Matthews
Heard & Cady a corporation; and for
foreclosure of said vendor's lien
on 30 1-4 acres of land out of the J. E.
Moore survey of land in Wise
county, Texas, described as follows:
Beginning at the northwest corner of
a tract formerly owned by C. C. Mur-
ray; thence west to Lem Gilbert's
east line; thence south to S. B. line
of said Moore survey; thence east to
southwest corner of said Murray
tract; thence north to place of begin-
ning.

Herein fail not, but have before
said court, at its next regular term,
this writ with your return thereon,
showing how you have executed the
same.

Given under my hand and the seal
of said court, at office in Decatur,
this 29th day of July, 1915. LORY
D. WHITE, Clerk, District Court,
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